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SENATE BILL 1860  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-140,  
relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-140(c)(2), is amended by deleting the language in subsection (c)(2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(c)(2) If a voter under this subsection appears at such voter's former polling place, the voter cannot cast any ballot at that location. An election official shall make a determination of the voter's new polling place and inform the voter that such voter has the choice of voting at the new polling place or voting at a central location provided by the county election commission. The voter shall be required to make a written affirmation of the voter's current address and that the voter is entitled to vote. The official at the voter's former polling location shall indicate on the affirmation that the person has not been allowed to vote at that location and shall give the voter a copy of the form to take to such voter's new polling location or central voting location provided by the county election commission.

Upon presenting that affirmation at the new polling location or central location and verification that the new address is within the voter's new precinct, the voter shall be allowed to vote using the same method as any other voter at the polling place;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-140(c)(3), is amended by deleting the language in subsection (c)(3) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(c)(3) If a voter under this subsection appears at a polling location where the voter is not currently registered, and does not have a copy of the form described in subdivision (c)(2), the election official shall make a determination as to whether that voter's new address is within the voting precinct for that polling location or a different polling location. In either case, the voter shall be required to make a written affirmation of the voter's current address and that the voter is entitled to vote. The election official shall inform the voter that such voter has a choice of voting at the new polling location or a central location provided by the county election commission. The fact that this person is a registered voter must be confirmed by the county election commission before this person's vote is counted.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.